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ORE Office Memorandum - Notice Number 38

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SUBJECT : ORE Participation in the NSC-59/1 Program

RESCISSION: ORE Operating Procedure 11 dated 10 June 1948

1. National Security Council Directive 59/1 (the NSC 59/1 Program merges the former NSC 4 and 43 Programs) establishes within the Department of State an organization to:

a. Initiate and develop interdepartmental plans, make recommendations, and otherwise advise and assist the Secretary of State in discharging his responsibilities for the national foreign information program in time of peace;

b. Make plans for overt psychological warfare, including recommendations for preparations for national emergency and the initial stages of war.

2. This organization consists of:

a. A Director appointed by the Secretary of State after consultation with other departments and agencies represented on the National Security Council.

b. Policy consultants representing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

c. A consultant representing the Director of Central Intelligence for matters relating to coordination with planning under the NSC-10 series.

d. A consultant representing the Joint Chiefs of Staff on NSC-59 and NSC-10/2 matters.

e. A staff known as the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff, and composed of full-time personnel representing the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

f. A liaison representative to the Staff from the National Security Resources Board and such liaison representation or staff

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membership from other departments and agencies of the government may be determined by the Director after consultation with the consultants.

3. In addition, the Secretary of State has recently established a national psychological strategy board which will have responsibilities for coordinating foreign information activities and psychological strategy in situations where joint action by more than one agency of the government is required in this field. The Department of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Central Intelligence Agency have been requested to designate individuals to sit on the board.

4. [] of the ORE Plans and Policy Staff is the CIA representative on the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff. In addition to participating in the preparation of plans and programs prepared by the Staff, he is responsible for the formulation and transmittal to CIA of the intelligence requirements of the Staff.

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5. The Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff has transmitted to ORE requirements for production of country-by-country intelligence studies designed to support psychological warfare planning. These requirements have been combined with similar requirements received by ORE from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. An initial approach and set of specifications for producing country-by-country studies to satisfy these requirements have been prepared, and are presently under consideration by the DCI's Psychological Intelligence Committee. The studies in physical accessibility which are now being prepared in the Department of State at the request of CIA constitute one segment of the production contemplated under this initial approach. Other segments of such production will be initiated at a later date.

6. In addition, the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff, with regard to the current national foreign information program, requires intelligence support as follows:

a. Intelligence comment to be provided on planning materials, statements of approved foreign information objectives, specific projects, special guidances, detailed plans and programs and other similar materials which may be submitted to the ORE divisions from time to time;

b. Intelligence estimates, produced by CIA on its own initiative or at the request of IFIS, which indicate strategic situations requiring informational or psychological action to achieve government aims and objectives.

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7. This memorandum is furnished to you for your information and as an advance notice of the types of intelligence support which ORE will be expected to provide in the field of psychological warfare.

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